

congratulating him, others advising, but most of them simply crowding around to shake his hand. They all seemed to know him or felt that they knew him. He made his last visit to his stepmother. She was just a common homespun woman, and to her he remained until the end just 'My Boy Abe.'

ROBESON COUNTY POLITICS

Numer of Candidates Suggested—Telephone and Store Improvements—Theatrical Attractions—Personal and General Items.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Lumberton, N. C., Feb. 12.—It now looks as if the woods would soon be overflowing with candidates for the different county offices to be filled next November. So far there are two candidates for sheriff, Mr. E. C. McNeill, the present incumbent, and Mr. J. A. (Sandy) Barker. Mr. W. H. Humpire, the present clerk of the court, who is now serving his third term, will stand for re-election, and will have against him Messrs K. M. Barnes and C. B. Skippen. We have heard of no candidate for register of deeds other than Mr. T. N. Higley, who is serving his first term in that office. There is talk that Mr. W. H. Graham is considering making the race with Mr. M. G. McKenzie for county treasurer, but we are not prepared to say whether or not the report is correct. It is said that none of the present board of county commissioners will stand for re-election but we hope this is not the case, for while the county is full of good men, it would be a difficult matter to improve on the present very efficient board.

By reference to the tax books in the sheriff's office it will be seen that Lumberton township is farther behind in the payment of taxes for last year than any other township in the county. We do not pretend to offer any reason as to why this is so unless a majority of the taxpayers are waiting for collectors to call around with the books and get 50 cents in costs for collecting.

Mr. A. E. White, who has been confined to his room most of the week on account of sickness, is again able to be out.

While in conversation a few days ago with a gentleman who resides a short distance in the country, we solicited his subscription for The Morning Star, but he said he was away from home most of the time, and that it mattered not where he went he generally found The Star right there, and that it seemed to be the favorite with the people in most Robeson county homes. And in this connection we are reminded of a gentleman who a few years ago left the Democratic party and joined the Populist party. He was reclaimed and "restored to fellowship" by reading The Star.

Messrs. Maxwell, of Laurinburg, and Crouch and Dennis, of Hamlet, all Bell Telephone people, have been in town for the past two days making arrangements for putting in the new plant which will be built new. New wire and new phones will take the place of those now in use. The material for the work has been ordered and upon its arrival a large force of men will be brought here to rush the work through as quickly as possible.

The lodge room at Lumberton, Lodge No. 35, K. of P., in the McLeod building has been repainted, the floor given a coat of oil, the furniture cleaned up, and in fact everything looks entirely new. No. 35 was twenty years old last month, and is in a flourishing condition.

Mr. A. W. Peace, cashier of the Bank of Lumberton, spent yesterday in Charlotte where he went to procure the necessary outfit of books to be used in the building and loan association which will be organized in a short time.

When the alarm of fire was given Wednesday night between 10 and 11 o'clock just after a shower of rain had fallen, making the streets muddy, a few people wanted to kick and talk ugly about there being no fire. The gentleman who caused the alarm to be given thought there was fire in the building or the alarm would not have been given. The persons to talk of "thrashing" the man who did it should take people who never make a mistake.

Conductor Claud Baker began work yesterday morning with a large force of men, remodeling the interior of the large department store of Messrs Caldwell & Carlyle, which when completed will eclipse anything of the kind in this part of the State. Two aisles, six or eight feet broad, will extend all the way through the building, so that there will be two ways to go from one department to another instead of one as at present. Along these aisles will be glass counters and show cases in and on which will be displayed articles of merchandise kept in the different departments. The wooden counters in the dry goods and ladies and millinery departments will be replaced with glass and other modern fixtures. An additional stairway will be constructed, leading from the grocery department to the second floor where the harness department will be kept. The hardware store will be lengthened out so as to make it the same length as the other building, which will double the firm's capacity for handling their already large hardware trade. When completed the place will be one of beauty and convenience both to employes and customers.

On next Friday night, the 18th, the Home Talent Minstrel will be seen at the Opera House, and of course they will be greeted by a packed house. The boys are rehearsing every night, and a rare treat is in store for those who attend. The prices of admission will be 25, 35 and 50 cents. The first floor will be reserved at 50 cents. It is the intention of the young men who are taking part in the show to visit Fairmont Rowland, Maxton and other places with the show. They expect to report the performance in Lumberton for the benefit of a proposed new fire company which it is expected will be organized very soon. It is to be hoped the town will give the young men its most hearty support by giving them capacity houses at each performance.

The talking pictures advertised for near being a complete failure. Monday they had to trail until 10 o'clock before they could begin work in the opera house and did not get ready in time to show that night. When they got their machine adjusted Tuesday evening the current was too strong and they could not get good results.

The 'Meadow Brook Farm' company filled its engagement at the Opera House last night, but owing to the very disagreeable weather the crowd was not as large as it otherwise would have been. Those who attended were amply repaid for facing the weather, as the show was one of the very best seen here this season, and will always draw good houses here under more favorable circumstances, especially if presented by the same company which is composed of an unusually clever bunch of people.

Yesterday was conceded to be the most disagreeable day of the winter in this section. Rain began falling early in the morning, and the trees were soon covered with ice. The afternoon was warmer, causing the ice to melt, but rain continued to fall until night. It is not often that the streets are seen in a worse condition.

Mr. G. T. Cox has succeeded Mr. Ralph H. McLeod as freight conductor on the Raleigh and Charlotte line between here and Marion, S. C.—Mr. Frank H. Wishart expects to leave Monday for Baltimore where he goes for treatment.

Supt. Poole returned last night from a visit to some of the schools in the southern part of the county, and says the attendance is unusually good for the season of the year, and the schools are in a most satisfactory condition. A man drove into town this morning with a load of wood, on top of which was a box, presumably containing chickens, but which really held in captivity three half frozen partridges the price of which was only 75 cents.

The present term of Superior Court which is hearing criminal cases only, is an uninteresting term, there being no cases of much importance to be heard. The grand jury, of which Mr. H. C. McNair, of Maxton, was foreman, finished its work, made its report, and was discharged yesterday evening. Judge Allen in commenting upon the report said it was one of the best he had heard. There will be no court next week, the work of the term being finished up today.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McKenzie will leave Tuesday evening for Romeo, Fla., where they go to visit a daughter and two sons. They will be absent about a month.

CREW HELD FOR MUTINY.

Refused to Work While Vessel Was Being Tossed by High Seas. Baltimore, Feb. 12.—Four members of the crew of the three-masted schooner Nellie Craig, which arrived in the harbor last night after an eventful trip of 16 days from New York, were retained in police court today on the charge of mutiny. Capt. Frank A. Bradley, who commanded the schooner, appeared as the prosecutor and said that while the ship was tossed by heavy seas off Cape Charles and seemed near destruction, the men refused to work in order to save the vessel. The captain says he and his mate were compelled for several days and nights to do the work of four men. The men were held for the Federal authorities. They declared they were only about half fed.

WADE H. ELLIS ELECTED.

Chairman of Republican Committee in State of Ohio. Dayton, O., Feb. 12.—Wade H. Ellis was elected this afternoon chairman of the Republican Executive Committee. The Tart clubs were amalgamated with those forming the old Ohio League of Republicans.

Neither project was opposed. With this accomplishment of the two principal purposes which called the Republic together here today the leaders declared that they had no objection to the desired consolidation in preparation for the campaign in Ohio next Fall, were described by Senator Dick as being the "skirmish of the presidential battle of 1912."

ASK RESIGNATIONS.

Superintendent and Regents of South Carolina Asylum Asked to Quit. Columbia, S. C., Feb. 12.—The Senate Judiciary today brought in a resolution signed by all members of the membership calling for resignation of Superintendent Babcock and all regents of the asylum by next Thursday in view of their disclosures during the past year. The regents have said they won't resign and there is no law by which they can be ousted. Dr. Babcock has many flattering letters. The regents are W. J. Gooding, Hampton; J. Perry Glenn, Anderson; Iredell Jones, Rock Hill; Dr. W. Juilus H. Taylor, Columbia; Dr. W. W. Ray, Congaree.

SALVATION ARMY.

Thirtieth Anniversary of its Founding in America Soon.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 12.—A four day celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the advent of the Salvation Army in America will begin here February 17th. An elaborate programme has been prepared and many of the national officers, in addition to the staff and field officers of twelve States will attend.

EBERHARDT SURRENDERS.

Charged With Violating Anti-Trust Laws in Ohio. Cincinnati, Feb. 12.—J. A. Eberhardt, who with T. F. McClure, was indicted by the Hamilton county grand jury yesterday for alleged violation of the anti-trust laws of Ohio, in connection with city paving contracts, surrendered to Prosecutor Hunt today. He was at once released on bond of \$1,000. McClure is in Florida.

The grand jury investigation of the paving deals will be resumed Tuesday.

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BIG FOUNDRY FAILS.

Corporation Capitalized at Fourteen Million Goes to Wall. New York Feb. 12.—The Central Foundry Company a corporation capitalized at \$14,000,000, which manufactures cast iron, soil pipes and fittings, went into hands of a receiver today. Judge Hough of the United States court appointed Waddell Cuthings receiver to continue the business at his discretion.

The claims of the petitioning creditors amount to about \$1,200,000, but the creditors allege that the liabilities amount to more than \$4,500,000. Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 12.—Official announcement was made this morning that all plants of the Central Foundry Company would continue in full operation through a receiver has been appointed in New York for the big soil pipe concern. The Central Foundry Company has plants in Anniston and Bessemer, Ala. The receiver will pay for all iron and other material used at the soil pipe plants and there will be no let up whatever in receiving contract iron.

New York, Feb. 12.—The petitioning creditors state that the company has property worth \$1,000,000 and employs 500 men. The property of the Central Foundry Company consists chiefly of seven operating foundries which are located in Newark, N. J., Dundalk, Md., South Pittsburg, Tenn., Vincennes, Ind., Medina, N. Y., and Anniston and Bessemer, Ala.

THREE HURT IN FIRE.

Destroyed Big Hardware Concern Estimating Loss at \$185,000. Galveston, Tex., Feb. 12.—Three firemen were injured seriously, in a fire tonight that destroyed the four-story building occupied by the Peering Cortes Hardware Company, at Prairie and Milam streets, and for several hours threatened the central business section. The loss is estimated at \$185,000. The fire started in the harness loft from combustion. Several streams of hose were kept on a power house in the rear filled with explosives. The firemen were injured by falling walls, while one was knocked from a ladder by a live wire.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Columbia University of New York increased its lead in the Inter-Collegiate Rifle Shooting League this week by defeating the George Washington University, of Washington, D. C., by a score of 1810 to 1760. Washington State college and the University of Iowa are in a tie for second place with four victories and one defeat each.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 12.—Although abounding in close and exciting competition, the 21st annual indoor athletic games of the Boston Athletic Association were not productive of any record-breaking performance to-night. Harvard scored three victories in the relay, which were competed in by most of the eastern colleges and athletic clubs.

CANAL TO CHARGE NATIONS.

Declares Ambassador Bryce at Tampa Celebration.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 12.—Addressing several thousand visitors to the Panama Canal Celebration here, the British ambassador, Hon. James Bryce, declared that when the Panama Canal is completed the physical and commercial status of half the nations of the earth will be changed, and that America will be the greatest beneficiary of the establishment of navigation through a channel across the isthmus.

The Panama Canal Celebration, which Ambassador Bryce's address formally opened, is held in accordance with a resolution issued by Congress two years ago designating Tampa as the nearest port to the eastern terminus of the canal. In attendance are several thousand troops of the United States army, two gunboats of the American navy and two visiting gunboats.

In his address Ambassador Bryce paid glowing tribute to the splendid achievement of the American government in advancing the canal so near to completion, declaring that the eyes of the world stand open in wonder.

Mr. Bryce was guest of honor tonight at a banquet at the Tampa Bay Hotel, he responded to the toast "Great Britain" attitude during the Civil war." His remarks were confined almost entirely to anecdotes and reminiscences. Thousands of people from all over the State were in attendance.

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